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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. This response is being filed concurrently with a petition for a three-month extension of time.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.